

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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## LIVING ECOLOGY, INC.,

Case No. 2:18-CV-1647 JCM (NJK)

**Plaintiff(s),**

## AMENDED ORDER

V.

BOSCH PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY, INC.,

Defendant(s).

Presently before the court is defendant Bosch Packaging Technology, Inc.’s (“Bosch”) renewed motion<sup>1</sup> for summary judgment. (ECF No. 54). Plaintiff Living Ecology, Inc. (“LEI”) responded in opposition (ECF No. 61) to which Bosch replied (ECF No. 64).

## I. BACKGROUND

This case relates to a dispute regarding plaintiff LEI's purchase of certain food-product equipment from defendant Bosch. (ECF No. 54 at 2). The equipment at issue was designed to produce hundreds of chocolate-covered fruit balls in an assembly line sequence made up of four machine components.<sup>2</sup> (ECF No. 61 at 2). LEI purchased the machine in 2014 from Bosch for a contract price of \$860,000. (*Id.* at 3). LEI argues Bosch's equipment was defective, that it was never accepted by LEI, and that LEI effectively revoked any

<sup>1</sup> The exhibits relied upon by the parties for this renewed motion are the same exhibits relied upon for the initial motion for summary judgment (ECF Nos. 26; 27), with the exceptions of Exhibits "C" (ECF No. 26-3) and "H" (ECF No. 26-8) which were resubmitted as ECF Nos. 54-1 and 54-2 to include missing deposition pages.

<sup>2</sup> Each machine component has its own unit number, (See ECF No. 26-9 at 2), but the parties dispute whether the four components constitute one machine in the aggregate, or two machines made up of two components. (*Compare* ECF No. 54 at 4 with ECF No. 61 at 3).

1 acceptance that may have occurred. (ECF No. 61 at 2). Bosch counters that it stands by its  
 2 equipment, that LEI accepted its equipment, and that any revocation of that acceptance was  
 3 insufficient as a matter of law. (ECF No. 54 at 12, 17).

4 In July 2018, LEI filed an action in state court alleging that Bosch's equipment had  
 5 never performed properly thereby entitling LEI to "recission<sup>3</sup> and restitution to put it back in  
 6 the position it held prior to the execution of the [a]greement." (ECF No. 1 at 12). Bosch  
 7 timely removed the case to federal court. (*Id.* at 1).

8 On May 6, 2019, Bosch filed its initial motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 26).  
 9 On December 9, 2019, the court granted Bosch's motion based on contractual limitations.  
 10 (ECF No. 29). LEI appealed the court's decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,  
 11 which then reversed and remanded on December 24, 2020.<sup>4</sup> (ECF No. 47).

12 On February 26, 2021, the court issued an order denying Bosch's initial motion for  
 13 summary judgment consistent with the Ninth Circuit's mandate and permitted Bosch to file a  
 14 renewed motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 53). Bosch so filed and the court now  
 15 considers its renewed motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 54).

## 16 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

17 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allow summary judgment when the pleadings,  
 18 depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if  
 19 any, show that "there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled  
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21       <sup>3</sup> Nevada has adopted Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) which applies to  
 22 transactions in goods and addresses a buyer's options and responsibilities when there is a  
 23 delivery of nonconforming goods. *See* NRS 104.2102. LEI's complaint alleges a single cause of  
 24 action for rescission. (ECF No. 1 at 12). In situations such as this, the UCC has largely  
 25 abandoned the concept of "rescission" in favor of the concept of "revocation of acceptance." *See*  
 26 NRS 140.2608; *see also IMA N. Am. V. Maryln Nutraceuticals, Inc.*, No. CV-06-344-PHX-LOA,  
 27 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90131, at \*4-5 (D. Ariz. Oct. 27, 2008) (concluding that most courts  
 28 interpreting the UCC have interpreted it as "not expressly codify[ing] a buyer's common law  
 right to equitable rescission and, instead substitute[ing] a buyer's right to reject or revoke  
 acceptance with remedies under provisions similar to the remedy of equitable rescission, e.g.,  
 UCC § 2.602...and UCC § 2.608) (compiling cases).

4 Specifically, the Ninth Circuit held that genuine issues of material fact existed  
 surrounding whether the inclusion of certain terms and conditions—which purported to shorten  
 the statute of limitations for all claims between the parties—were part of the parties' agreement.  
 Bosch's renewed summary judgment does not reassert these contractual limitations claims. (See  
 ECF No. 54).

1 to a judgment as a matter of law.”<sup>5</sup> FED. R. CIV. P. 56(A). A principal purpose of summary  
 2 judgment is “to isolate and dispose of factually unsupported claims.” *Celotex Corp. v.*  
 3 *Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 323–24 (1986).

4 For purposes of summary judgment, disputed factual issues should be construed in  
 5 favor of the non-moving party. *Lujan v. Nat'l Wildlife Fed.*, 497 U.S. 871, 888 (1990).  
 6 However, to be entitled to a denial of summary judgment, the nonmoving party must “set  
 7 forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial.” *Id.*

8 In determining summary judgment, a court applies a burden-shifting analysis. The  
 9 moving party must first satisfy its initial burden. “When the party moving for summary  
 10 judgment would bear the burden of proof at trial, it must come forward with evidence which  
 11 would entitle it to a directed verdict if the evidence went uncontested at trial. In such a  
 12 case, the moving party has the initial burden of establishing the absence of a genuine issue of  
 13 fact on each issue material to its case.” *C.A.R. Transp. Brokerage Co. v. Darden Rests., Inc.*,  
 14 213 F.3d 474, 480 (9th Cir. 2000) (citations omitted).

15 By contrast, when the nonmoving party bears the burden of proving the claim or  
 16 defense, the moving party can meet its burden in two ways: (1) by presenting evidence to  
 17 negate an essential element of the non-moving party’s case; or (2) by demonstrating that the  
 18 nonmoving party failed to make a showing sufficient to establish an element essential to that  
 19 party’s case on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. See *Celotex Corp.*, 477  
 20 U.S. at 323–24. If the moving party fails to meet its initial burden, summary judgment must  
 21 be denied and the court need not consider the nonmoving party’s evidence. See *Adickes v.*  
 22 *S.H. Kress & Co.*, 398 U.S. 144, 159–60 (1970).

23 If the moving party satisfies its initial burden, the burden then shifts to the opposing  
 24 party to establish that a genuine issue of material fact exists. See *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co.*  
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26       <sup>5</sup> The court can consider information in an inadmissible form at summary judgment if the  
 27 information itself would be admissible at trial. *Fraser v. Goodale*, 342 F.3d 1032, 1036 (9th Cir.  
 28 2003) (citing *Block v. City of Los Angeles*, 253 F.3d 410, 418–19 (9th Cir. 2001) (“To survive  
 summary judgment, a party does not necessarily have to produce evidence in a form that would  
 be admissible at trial, as long as the party satisfies the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil  
 Procedure 56.”)).

1       *v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). To establish the existence of a factual  
 2 dispute, the opposing party need not establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its  
 3 favor. It is sufficient that “the claimed factual dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to  
 4 resolve the parties’ differing versions of the truth at trial.” *T.W. Elec. Serv., Inc. v. Pac. Elec.*  
 5 *Contractors Ass’n*, 809 F.2d 626, 631 (9th Cir. 1987).

6           In other words, the nonmoving party cannot avoid summary judgment by relying  
 7 solely on conclusory allegations that are unsupported by factual data. *See Taylor v. List*, 880  
 8 F.2d 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989). Instead, the opposition must go beyond the assertions and  
 9 allegations of the pleadings and set forth specific facts by producing competent evidence that  
 10 shows a genuine issue for trial. *See Celotex*, 477 U.S. at 324.

11          At summary judgment, a court’s function is not to weigh the evidence and determine  
 12 the truth, but to determine whether there is a genuine issue for trial. *See Anderson v. Liberty*  
 13 *Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 249 (1986). The evidence of the nonmovant is “to be believed,  
 14 and all justifiable inferences are to be drawn in his favor.” *Id.* at 255. But if the evidence of  
 15 the nonmoving party is merely colorable or is not significantly probative, summary judgment  
 16 may be granted. *See id.* at 249–50.

17          **III. DISCUSSION**

18          The gravamen of this dispute is whether LEI accepted the Bosch equipment, and if so,  
 19 whether LEI properly revoked such acceptance. The court finds that no genuine issue of  
 20 material fact exists surrounding LEI’s acceptance and lack of revocation of the Bosch  
 21 equipment, and therefore, consistent with the following, GRANTS Bosch’s motion for  
 22 summary judgment.

23          **A. LEI accepted the equipment**

24          1. *LEI had a reasonable opportunity to inspect the equipment and it was*  
            *conforming*

25          Nevada law provides that “[a]cceptance of goods occurs when the buyer, after a  
 26 reasonable opportunity to inspect the goods signifies to the seller that the goods are  
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1 conforming or that he will take or retain them in spite of their non-conformity . . . .” NRS  
 2 104.2606(1)(a).

3 Here, LEI concedes that the equipment went through “five separate rounds of testing”  
 4 in early 2015 at Bosch’s factory in Viersen, Germany (ECF No. 61 at 6), and that LEI’s  
 5 engineer flew “back and forth from the United States to Germany” to observe<sup>6</sup> this process  
 6 (ECF No. 1 at 9 ¶ 13). But LEI argues it did not have an “adequate” opportunity to inspect  
 7 the goods to determine conformity because the tests “were unable to verify the equipment’s  
 8 ability to perform as intended,” (ECF No. 61 at 6), and that it “had no option”<sup>7</sup> but to accept  
 9 the recommendation from Bosch to ship the equipment upon completion of testing.<sup>8</sup> The  
 10 court disagrees.

11 Even if it were true that traveling internationally to observe multiple trial tests over  
 12 many months of an expensive piece of complex machinery and agreeing to have the  
 13 equipment delivered and shipped thousands of miles away to its home factory was not  
 14 “adequate” opportunity to inspect the machine, LEI had the additional opportunity to test and  
 15 inspect the equipment upon its delivery at LEI’s facilities in Henderson, Nevada. (ECF Nos.  
 16 54 at 6; 54-2 at 8–9). Indeed, once the equipment arrived at LEI’s factory, Bosch employees  
 17 conducted their standard site acceptance testing in the presence of LEI employees, after  
 18 which LEI signed an “Acceptance Protocol” which unambiguously stated: “Herewith it is  
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23         <sup>6</sup> There is some dispute as to whether the LEI agents observed all five trials, but the court  
 24 finds this detail immaterial. Even drawing the reasonable inference in favor of LEI that it did not  
 25 observe *all* five tests, the record still clearly shows that LEI flew to Germany to participate, to  
 26 some extent, in the factory testing of the equipment. (*See* ECF No. 1 at 9 ¶ 13).

27         <sup>7</sup> Specifically, LEI’s CEO, Dr. Jack Singh, testified in his deposition that LEI felt it had  
 28 “no option” but to accept shipment because LEI customers were “upset” and “screaming” for the  
 29 product (i.e. the chocolate covered fruit balls that could only be produced with the Bosch  
 30 equipment). (*See* ECF No. 54-1 at 31:11 and 38:5).

31         <sup>8</sup> Interestingly, LEI issued full payment in the amount of \$860,000 for the equipment on  
 32 November 14, 2014, prior to this testing. (ECF No. 54-1 at 2-3).

1 confirmed, that the delivered machine/packaging line is handed over today and **accepted** by  
 2 the customer according to the agreed sales contract.”<sup>9</sup> (ECF No. 26-9) (emphasis added).

3 LEI maintains that it never “accepted” the equipment during the various stages of  
 4 payment, inspection, and delivery because these actions were performed with the  
 5 understanding that Bosch would send technicians to ensure the equipment was entirely  
 6 “operational.” (ECF No. 61 at 3).

7 The crux of LEI’s argument, therefore, is a fundamental misunderstanding of  
 8 expectations between the parties surrounding the expected output of the equipment. LEI  
 9 argues that the contract clearly holds Bosch to the expectation of 600 pieces per minute while  
 10 Bosch avers that this was merely a desirable “target,” not a promise. It appears that this  
 11 fundamental difference in expectations drives the entire controversy.

12 Looking at Bosch’s proforma invoice and LEI’s purchase order,<sup>10</sup> the court finds that  
 13 the plain text of the documents supports Bosch’s view that the expectation was a *target*, not  
 14 definitive, output of 600 pieces per minute. (*See Exs. A & B*).

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 24       <sup>9</sup> LEI submits that it construed the “Acceptance Protocol” document as acceptance “for  
                   installation purposes only, not operational purposes.” (ECF No. 61 at 9). The court finds this  
                   explanation unavailing and unsupported by the record.  
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26       <sup>10</sup> The court notes that the issue of the incorporation of the alleged “2014 Terms and  
                   Conditions” into the sales contract was already adjudicated by this court (ruling at first that they  
                   were incorporated), but with the Ninth Circuit reversing and remanding, finding that there *were*  
                   genuine disputes of material fact as to that incorporation into the contract. (ECF No. 47 at 5).  
                   Because the parties do not reference the 2014 Terms and Conditions in their renewed summary  
                   judgment motion and responses, the court will not consider any of the purported 2014 Terms and  
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Living Ecology Inc.  
Proforma Invoice No. PRJ-2014-08459-PR1



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consisting of:

- Extruder type WEF 1020 IN (700 796)
- Ball Forming Machine type WAK 0045 (701 730)
- Enrobing Machine UMT 620 with integrated temper
- Chocolate Cooling Tunnel

**Output (target):****600 ppm. fruit balls with chocolate enrobing**Remarks:

- Line will be executed to produce ball shaped fruit bars of 21,7 mm diameter.
- The **final output is subject to laboratory tests with your original product masses (depending on densities, cooling times, etc.).**

## Exhibit A

Living Ecology Inc.- REWORK  
209 S. Stephanie Street, # B-235  
Henderson, NV 89012

## Purchase Order

Date	P.O. No.
11/11/2014	2264

BOSCH001115

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Ship To</b>
Bosch Packaging Technology, Inc. 869 South Knowles Ave. New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017	Living Ecology Inc. 7390 Eastgate Street Suite 100, 110, 120, and 129 Henderson, NV 89011

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Equipment	Used Laboratory Line for the production of ball shaped fruit bite size with organic chocolate enrobing	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	consisting of:			
	- Extruder type WEF 1020 IN (700 796)			
	- Ball Forming Machine type WAK 0045 (701 730)			
	- Enrobing Machine UMT 620 with integrated temper			
	- Chocolate Cooling Tunnel			
	<b>Output (target): 600 ppm. fruit balls with chocolate enrobing</b>			
	*** CPT BOSCH SUPPLIER ***			
	*** As per Proforma Invoice No. PRJ-2014-08459-PR1 Dated November 11, 2014 ***			
	*** POH - HENDERSON, NV ***			

## Exhibit B

1           Significantly, Bosch's proforma invoice, Exhibit A, *supra*, clarifies that the "final  
 2 **output is subject to laboratory tests with [LEI's] original product.**" (ECF No. 26-1 at 3)  
 3 (emphasis added).

4           Even against this backdrop, LEI maintains that it expected the machine to produce  
 5 600 pieces per minute, and that anything less was nonconforming. LEI points to the  
 6 "contract documents and communications between [LEI CEO] Dr. Singh and representative  
 7 of Bosch" as confirmation of its expectation. (ECF No. 61 at 12). Upon closer examination,  
 8 the "contract documents and communications" referenced by LEI merely contain conclusory  
 9 allegations unsupported by factual data that the court is not required to accept.<sup>11</sup> (*See Taylor*  
 10 *v. List*, 880 F.2d 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989) (a nonmoving party cannot avoid summary  
 11 judgment by relying solely on conclusory allegations that are unsupported by factual data)).

12           What is more, the communications between the parties themselves belie the notion  
 13 that 600 pieces per minute was the clear expectation.

14           For instance, LEI wrote to Bosch in May 2016 and June 2016, stating that the  
 15 "excessive accumulation of product so quickly does not allow us to reach anywhere near the  
 16 **500 ball [sic] per minute as the machine was specified to produce.**" (ECF Nos. 26-7 at 4;  
 17 26-11).

18           LEI therefore asked Bosch to "[p]lease provide your opinions [sic] to this problem, as  
 19 we have committed to our customers to provide this product in the **500 balls per minute**

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21           <sup>11</sup> For example, LEI cites to the proforma invoice and purchase order as "proof" of this  
 22 contractual obligation—an argument that is belied by the plain text of the agreements (*see Exs. A*  
 23 & B). Additionally, it cites to Dr. Singh's deposition testimony, which offers only conclusory  
 24 comments about "conversations" he had with Bosch that confirm the 600 pieces per minute rate  
 25 (ECF No. 27-2 at 7-8). Dr. Singh mentions emails with a Bosch salesman, Mr. Miguel, who  
 allegedly communicated an expectation of 600 pieces per minute, but, curiously, LEI does not  
 provide these emails as part of the record for the court to consider. (*Id.*). These emails are also  
 mentioned in Dr. Singh's declaration, but with no further citation. (ECF No. 27-11 ¶ 13).

26           But even if the emails were attached to the record, it is unlikely they would form the  
 27 necessary proof to illustrate a 600 pieces per minute contractual expectation since Nevada law  
 28 does not allow "parol or extrinsic evidence...to add to, subtract from, vary, or contradict written  
 instruments which dispose of property, or are contractual in nature and which are valid,  
 complete, unambiguous, and unaffected by accident or mistake." *M.C Multi-Family Dev., L.L.C.*  
*v. Crestdale Assoc., Ltd.*, 124 Nev. 901, 913–914 (2008).

1       rate as we originally purchased this [e]quipment.” (ECF No. 27-7 at 4) (emphasis added).

2       Bosch responded a few days later, writing:

3       ...it is and was clear that your product mass is not easily handled in a ball  
 4       forming process. That is why we did many trials [sic] in our lab together with  
 5       you and **this is why we never confirmed a final output in our contract** –  
 6       this was always depending [sic] on the trials. Anyhow[,] during [factory  
 7       acceptance testing] here in Germany as well as during [site acceptance testing]  
 8       in Las Vegas we (your [sic] and our team) were able to demonstrate that the  
 9       machine is **capable of running stable at rates above 500 balls per**  
**minute**...we are convinced that the machine itself has a very stable and  
 proven design. **The limitation of the performance is always depending [sic]**  
**on characteristics of the product itself as well as process parameters.**  
 Having said this I know that you have a very good ball forming equipment.  
 And of course we will support you in getting the maximum performance and  
 efficiency for your product mass.

10      (*Id.* at 2) (emphasis added).

11      From these communications, it appears that LEI’s repeated assertions of a 600-balls-  
 12     per-minute expectation is contradicted by the record. Thus, there does not appear to be a  
 13     genuine issue of material fact that an actual output *below* the target of 600 balls per minute is  
 14     nonconforming.

15      Notably, the record is replete with evidence that Bosch attempted to optimize and  
 16     fine-tune the equipment to help reach its max capacity production, which may or may not  
 17     have resulted in the target output of 600.<sup>12</sup> LEI points to this fact as evidence that the  
 18     equipment was nonconforming while Bosch asserts that it was merely complying with its  
 19     contractual duties to help maximize the output of the equipment.

20      Even to the extent the court draws an inference in favor of LEI that the equipment  
 21     was nonconforming, the court finds that, pursuant to NRS 104.206, LEI accepted the  
 22     equipment since it had a “reasonable opportunity” to inspect the equipment and retained it  
 23     “in spite of its nonconformity.”

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26      <sup>12</sup> For instance, Bosch technicians tweaked and adjusted the machine for adaptation—  
 27     e.g., sending out “stainless-steel replacement parts” once the machine was in Nevada (ECF No.  
 28     27-4 at 12, and *passim*)—because this was the first time the equipment was used to produce  
 chocolate-covered fruit balls. (*See* ECF No. 27-4 at 7). (Bosch notes that the machine had been  
 successful in producing 1,500 balls per minute for many other candy applications. (*Id.* at 2).)

1                   2. *LEI did not reject the equipment within a reasonable time after*  
 2 *delivery<sup>13</sup>*

3                 The court further finds that LEI failed to reject the goods “within a reasonable time  
 4 after delivery” pursuant to NRS 104.2606(1)(b). The equipment was delivered to LEI in  
 5 Henderson, Nevada in September 2015, and according to the record, LEI first began rejecting  
 6 the equipment in May 2016, nearly seven months after the equipment was installed at LEI.

7                 While seven months may not seem like an unreasonable amount of time to reject such  
 8 a complex piece of machinery, the court notes that LEI rejected the enrober/cooling unit—  
 9 the second part of the machine<sup>14</sup>—*within a couple weeks of installation*, and Bosch allowed  
 10 return of these components by issuing a refund of \$155,000 plus a \$25,000 service credit.  
 11 (ECF No. 54 at 7).

12                 LEI maintains that it “repeatedly expressed doubts to Bosch about the [equipment’s]  
 13 ability to perform per the contract” (ECF No. 61 at 4) but did not send its first potential  
 14 rejection until May 2016 (ECF No. 26-11), followed by a demand for cure or a refund in  
 15 June 2016 (ECF No. 27-7 at 3), finally followed by a demand for rescission in May 2018  
 16 (ECF No. 1, Ex. A at ¶ 25).

17                 The court finds that these actions of potential rejection of the goods were not within a  
 18 reasonable time after delivery.

19                   3. *LEI engaged in acts inconsistent with the seller’s ownership*

20                 NRS 104.2606(1)(c) states that acceptance of goods may also occur when the buyer  
 21 “does any act inconsistent with the seller’s ownership.”

22                 The record shows that after submitting payment in full in November 2014, LEI CEO,  
 23 Jack Singh executed a transfer of ownership in December 2014, which stated that “Living

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 26                 <sup>13</sup> Although the court finds that LEI accepted the goods under NRS 104.2606(1)(a)—to  
 27 wit, that LEI had a reasonable opportunity to inspect the equipment as conforming or retain it in  
 spite of its nonconformity—the court analyzes the remaining provisions of acceptance under  
 NRS 104.2606 for good measure.

28                 <sup>14</sup> The first part of the machine—extruder/ball forming unit—is what is at issue in this  
 case; the rejection of the enrober/cooling unit has already been resolved.

1 Ecology Inc. confirms that title of ownership with respect to the above mentioned equipment  
 2 will be transferred to Living Ecology Inc. on December 19th.” (ECF No. 26-7 at 2).<sup>15</sup>

3 Additionally, Mr. Singh authorized shipment of the equipment following the factory  
 4 testing in Germany from December 2014 to May 2015, (ECF No. 54-1 at 31); and an agent  
 5 of LEI signed Bosch’s acceptance protocol form upon completion of the installation in  
 6 Nevada on October 1, 2015. (ECF No. 26-9).<sup>16</sup>

7 The court finds that these numerous acts performed by LEI were inconsistent with  
 8 Bosch’s ownership of the equipment and thereby constituted acceptance of the equipment as  
 9 a matter of law.

10       4. *Because LEI accepted part of the equipment, it accepted the entire unit,*  
 11                   *pursuant to NRS 104.2606(2)*

12       The parties dispute whether the equipment is perceived as a single unit made up of  
 13 four components or two units, each of which were made up of two components. This is an  
 14 important distinction when considering acceptance because the court must determine the  
 15 “umbrella” unit so it can ascertain if acceptance of *part*—and thereby all—of the unit  
 16 occurred.

17       Bosch contends that while LEI may have rejected three parts of the unit (the enrober,  
 18 the cooler, and the ball former), it never rejected the extruder. LEI asserts it not only rejected  
 19 the enrober/cooler as one unit of the machine, but also the extruder/ball former.

20       A simple reading and application of NRS 104.2606(2) to the facts at hand, however,  
 21 illustrates that even accepting LEI’s view, LEI never rejected the extruder. LEI’s primary  
 22 issue was with the ball former, and LEI admits that it continued to use the extruder after its  
 23 putative revocation, in order to “mitigate its damages.” (ECF No. 61 at 15). Thus, since LEI

25                   <sup>15</sup> Mr. Singh apparently had some misgivings about the document’s assignment of  
 26 liability for any damage caused to the equipment while it was held in Germany, but he does not  
 27 contest that he signed the transfer of ownership transferring title of the equipment to LEI. (ECF  
 28 No. 54-1 at 7–12, Deposition of Jack Singh).

16 LEI does not dispute that any of these actions occurred; it simply argues that these acts  
 2 were performed based on “assurances” that Bosch could get the equipment producing 600 pieces  
 per minute, which, as the court has already discussed, *supra*, Part III.A.1, was an errant reliance.

accepted the extruder—which is one component of the extruder/ball former unit—it accepted the entire unit, including the ball former.

**B. LEI did not revoke acceptance of the equipment in whole or in part**

Because the court finds that LEI accepted the equipment as a matter of law, the court now turns to revocation. Nevada law states that:

1. The buyer may revoke his or her acceptance of a lot or commercial unit whose nonconformity substantially impairs its value to the buyer if the buyer has accepted it:
    - (a) On the reasonable assumption that its nonconformity would be cured and it has not been seasonably cured; or
    - (b) Without discovery of such nonconformity if his or her acceptance was reasonably induced either by the difficulty of discovery before acceptance or by the seller's assurances.
  2. Revocation of acceptance must occur within a reasonable time after the buyer discovers or should have discovered the ground for it and before any substantial change in the condition of the goods which is not caused by their own defects. It is not effective until the buyer notifies the seller of it.
  3. A buyer who so revokes has the same rights and duties with regard to the goods involved as if the buyer had rejected them.

NRS 104.2608

The court finds that LEI's alleged revocation was invalid as a matter of law since it was not based on a "reasonable assumption that its nonconformity would be cured." As set forth above, *supra*, Part III.A.1, LEI's assumption that Bosch would (or could) get the equipment to conform to a 600 pieces per minute output was unreasonable based on the plain terms of the parties' agreement and the evidence in the record.

Further, LEI submits that Bosch's equipment contained a "hidden design flaw" that will never allow it to "produce the numbers specified at purchase." (ECF No. 27-7 at 4). However, that design "flaw" was anything but hidden or difficult to discover. In fact, just the opposite. The record is clear that the factory testing in Germany and the site testing in Nevada showed that the equipment was not going to produce chocolate covered fruit balls at 600 pieces per minute, (ECF No. 27-7), and LEI has not adduced any evidence even hinting

1 to the contrary. LEI's own evidence evinces a conflicting expectation of 500 pieces per  
2 minute. (ECF Nos. 26-11; 27-7 at 4).

3 Accordingly, the court finds that no genuine dispute of material fact exists as to LEI's  
4 lack of revocation of its acceptance of Bosch's equipment in whole or in part.

5 **IV. CONCLUSION<sup>17</sup>**

6 Accordingly,

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that defendant Bosch's  
8 renewed motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 54) be, and the same hereby is,  
9 GRANTED.

10 The clerk of the court is instructed to enter judgment for defendant Bosch and close  
11 the case.

12 DATED May 5, 2022.

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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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27 <sup>17</sup> This was a classic case of miscommunicated expectations; and a cautionary tale for  
28 careless business practices accompanied by fatally inchoate contractual terms. Astonishingly,  
the parties did not clearly execute a standard long-form agreement for the purchase of a complex  
piece of equipment valued at close to one million dollars. Instead, the court was left to divine the  
parties' expectations through a piecemeal invoice and purchase order.